

Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association
Policy Resolution Number Two (2)
Rain Barrel Guidelines

Whereas Article Seven (VII) of the By-Laws for Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association (POA) grants to Board of Directors the power to conduct POA business and to protect community harmony by providing guidelines and a procedure to address conditions conditions that disrupt that harmony.

Let it be resolved that the following guidelines will be followed in the approval process to allow rain barrels to be placed on individual homeowners' properties:

Rain barrel applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A property improvement form must be submitted to the Streets & Grounds Committee. A copy of the lot plat must be attached clearly indicating where the rain barrel will be located. Detailed descriptions of the barrel material, where the barrel is to be purchased, color and plumbing/connections must be included. A picture of the proposed rain barrel must be included. Any applications without the plat or the required information and descriptions/pictures will not be approved and returned to the homeowner.

1. Rain barrels shall have a capacity no larger than 75 gallons and be purchased through a reputable dealer. Examples of reputable sources are EarthChoice Products, Plow & Hearth, Gardeners Catalog and Opequon Creek Project Team. Some of these are ready to go from point of purchase. Others require the homeowner to paint the barrel and install the plumbing and connections. In all cases the finished product must look like the photo submitted with the Property Improvement Form or the homeowner will be asked to remove the rain barrel.
2. Rain barrels shall not rest on cinderblocks. It is recommended that the barrels be installed on a raised wooden platform or directly on the ground.
3. Rain barrels shall be painted a solid color to match the siding color or green to match landscaping. Other colors will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The rain barrel shall be kept in good repair. Peeling paint must be sanded and repainted in a timely manner.
4. Rain barrels shall be screened with landscaping or placed in an unobtrusive area (for example: between outside A/C compressor units.)
5. Rain barrels shall be located on sides and back of house only. The Streets & Grounds Committee or Board may inspect the proposed location of the rain barrel.
6. All rain barrels must be sealed in such a manner to prevent mosquito breeding (e.g., use of mosquito screening or other methods of denying entry by mosquitoes.)

7. *Each* rain barrel must be approved. Multiple rain barrels require multiple approval submittals.
8. These guidelines constitute the minimum requirements and compliance does not ensure approval.

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Date recorded in the Operations Manual:

Date Signed: 11/4/08

(Note: Signed copy of this document is on file with the Deerfield Village Board of Directors Secretary.)